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Docket No.: 34516

RESPONSE
(TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 19, 2004 in the above-identified case, applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1 - 17, without traverse.

For the Examiner's information, it is noted that claim 17 was previously cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment dated March 28, 2002 and, therefore the elected claims are 1 - 16.

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Date

Signature of Attorney

In accordance with the Examiner's request, enclosed are copies of the references referred to at page 2, lines 3 - 5 of the specification, together with a completed copy of 1449/PTO. It is requested that these references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the examination of this application.

If there are any fees required by this communication, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 34516.

Respectfully submitted,

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